

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Property Address:	Stead Park Recreation Building 1625 P Street NW	Agenda X Consent Calendar
Landmark/District:	Dupont Circle Historic District	
Meeting Date:	December 2, 2021	X Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	20-468	X Alteration

In October, the Board approved an addition to the historic Stead Park Recreation Center, comprised of former carriage houses connected by an ornamental pediment. The addition's location, form and massing were approved, but the Board asked for further consideration of the scale and material of the cladding and fenestration on the north elevation.

Proposal and Evaluation

The design team has again presented multiple options, with a preference for option 2A-2. All designs place an emphasis on accentuating the steel structure. HPO believes this is not the right approach to designing an addition to a historic building, where de-emphasizing the addition should remain the paramount goal. To that end, HPO finds the breakdown of the metal panels into a smaller scale in option 2 to be successful in relating to the small scale of the historic brick construction. HPO supports 2A in terms of the size and color of the spandrel. This option aligns the bottom of the windows on the addition with the windows on the historic building and allows the second floor windows to be smaller than those on the first floor, offering a more compatible approach to fenestration hierarchy. HPO does not support the introduction of a dark spandrel color in options 2A-1 and 2A-2.

Recommendation

HPO recommends that the Board find the panel size in option 2 and the spandrel size and color in 2A to be compatible with the historic district, and delegate final review to staff.

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